

## **RESOLUTION No. 14-356**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Mr. Knute R. Walker will be honored with the "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award," during the Thirteenth Annual Leadership Awards Banquet sponsored by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University on June 7, 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Knute R. Walker is a native of Birmingham, Alabama where he attended A.H. Parker High School and was later involved in numerous athletics organizations. During his matriculation at Alabama A&M University, he was a member of the Bulldogs Football Team and was a dynamic cornerback during the early to mid-1980s, earning letters from 1982-85. In 1985, he was accorded the coveted honors of the Magic City Classic's Most Valuable Defensive Player and Outstanding Senior Defensive Player. As a famed cornerback, he received many honors for his extraordinary athletic abilities. In 1986, he was a draft pick of the Orlando Renegades of the United States Football League. He received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1999. Currently, he is pursuing the Master of Science degree in rehabilitation counseling at Alabama A&M University; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Knute is the Assistant Director of Intramural Sports and Recreation at Alabama A&M University where he assists in the supervision and coordination of intramural and recreational sports programs, the creation of well-run systems for all participants and the establishment of safe positive environments for competition. For ten years, he served on the Football Coaching Staff at the University as defensive backs coach. Under his guidance, the Bulldogs built a reputation as a hard-hitting and physical defense. He coached All-American Al Donaldson in 2007. Following a 10 year stint with the United Parcel Service, he served Huntsville City Schools in instructional and coaching positions for Camp Success, Edward White Middle School as the Head Football Coach, and J. O. Johnson High School Assistant Football Coach. Additionally, he served as the athletic director of Holy Family Regional School; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Knute is very involved in community programs and always lends a hand to his fellow man. His participation in community activities includes Sickie Cell Anemia Walk in Huntsville, Alabama, representing Huntsville Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., reading books to 5<sup>th</sup> graders and assisting with Fun Day at Sommerville Road Elementary School Inc., Decatur, Alabama, volunteers for Robert Mathis, Barry Wagner, Huntsville Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Union Chapel Christian Academy football camps; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Knute has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his outstanding career in athletics. Some of them include: 2005 Inductee, Alabama A&M University Athletic Hall of Fame; 2000 Arena Football Coach of the Year. He is married to Lieutenant Colonel Rachel Clay Walker and he has two daughters, Clarissa Yvonne McKinney and Kendal Alicia Walker.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Mr. Knute R. Walker, honoree of the "*Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award*," and extend best wishes to him and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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President of the City Council  
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama